Town of Agawam

Supplemental Town Report and Report

of the

FINANCE COMMITTEE

For the 1959

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

MARCH 7, 1959

10:00 A. M.

Please Bring This Report With You to the Town Meeting

Report of the Finance Committee

"UNDER THE BLUDGEONINGS OF CHANCE,
MY HEAD IS BLOODY BUT UNBOWED."

So that Townspeople will be better informed, it seems appropriate to briefly review the purpose of the Committee. The main purpose we serve is as financial advisors to the Town Meeting members on appropriations. After the Annual Meeting, the Finance Committee assumes two fiscal administrative jobs.

(1) Any transfers from an authorized appropriation to another purpose must be recommended by the Committee before it can be voted on at a special Town Meeting.

(2) If a reserve fund is set up, the manner of disbursement is entirely within the discretion of the Committee. However, we have believed that our allocation of reserve funds should only be for needs that the Town would obviously approve. If the request were of a controversial nature, we have requested a special Town Meeting. During the past year, the fund was increased to $30,000 and practically depleted. However, it will be noted that much of the outgo was related to unforseen work connected with River Road and Mill Street improvements. It will also be remembered that only two Special Meetings were held and they were confined primarily to school construction and the Hood plant sewer line.

We regret that Arthur Johnson, who has served 6 of his 12 years as Chairman, has decided that regardless of election results he will retire from the Committee. However, we cannot seriously urge him or even Hollis Kane, who has also served 12 years, to undergo the trials for another three-year period, unless they really want to do so. During their terms of service, no one has ever accused the Committee of a political decision and much as we may have to miss their honest and outright appraisals, we hope that we will continue to have the same impartial attitude on fiscal actions.

1959 BUDGETS

The many meetings spent in study of the Department budgets and Special Articles are an attempt to relate needs and ability to pay. Naturally, some years become belt-tighten-

ing periods and for 1959, we believe, extreme caution is needed. Not only have we had a $64 tax rate since 1957 but many have learned that increased assessed values result in higher individual tax bills. In addition, our financial future is far from bright when existing and authorized bonds have risen to 12.3 percent of our total assessed value and the report of the School Survey Committee conservatively projects another $700,000 of school construction within the next three years.

It is obvious from the itemization of Department increases of more than $1000 that considerable economy has been projected. It is to the credit of the Town Departments that not a single Department appealed for a review of our action. Economy results from cooperative action and we are proud that our cuts, where suggested, were accepted in the same spirit in which they were made.

DEPARTMENT	INCREASE
Group Insurance and Retirement	**$24,927**
The effect of the first full year of town-employee benefits.	
Welfare and Veterans' Benefits	**13,850**
Increased number of cases.	
Fire	**13,666**
A $15,070 increase for present men on a full year basis, one additional man and allowance for vacation and sick leave. Several other expenses have been reduced somewhat to cut the over-all increase to $13,666.	
Interest on Debt	**11,117**
Authorized borrowings in 1958 were $850,000.	
Police	**3,260**
Step raises where eligible.	
Town Clerk and Treasurer	**1,391**
Salary increases $567. Office supplies related to new commercial code $500, extra clerical $204.	
Health	**1,063**
Step raises $813. Slight increase in some other expenses.	
Schools	
A more detailed comment appears later.	

The total Budget recommended for 1959 is $2,497,507. This is an increase of $143,454. Excluding the School Budget

where some increase would be expected, the total increase is $53,324. However, it is necessary to include Special Articles 24, 31, 37 and 38 with the Department of Public Works Budget to have a picture comparable with last year. Because of the size of the Water and Road projects, we believe individual consideration and approval is desirable. Therefore, the 1959 reduction of the DPW Budget is offset by recommended Articles totaling $41,500.

We have always believed that, regardless of the tax rate, we should continue at least some of the sewer projects. This year, we are fortunate to have balances of approximately $43,000 in previously completed projects to continue this type of forward-looking development. Only by continually whittling at our sewer backlog and by the cooperation of the Planning Board in preventing new areas of concern, can we eventually meet our civic responsibilities.

1959 SCHOOL BUDGET

The School Committee should be commended for returning more than $25,000 of their 1958 appropriation; in fact, if it had not been for the extreme cold late in the year, the amount returned would have been a couple of thousand dollars higher.

However, there probably will always be a difference of opinion between the School Committee and the Finance Committee on budgets. Part of this difference will be due to basic concepts of budgets. We on the Finance Committee believe in theory that a budget is an estimate of probable expenses and should not include provisions for remote possibilities. Furthermore, to exist under a probable expense budget, changes during the year must be determined by policies established when the budget was adopted and not because a change would be nice in view of later conditions.

When we met with the School Committee in December. they proposed a budget of $1,281,635. which was modified to $1,278,635 after eliminating janitors for the proposed school. On January 15 the two committees again met and the Finance Committee requested review of at least the following:

Transportation,	$100,950	requested,	$93,500	recommended
Textbooks,	28,000	requested,	22,000	recommended
Janitors,	89,000	requested,	81,250	recommended
J.H.S. lights	3,600	requested,	1,665	recommended
Guidance Secy.,	2,496	requested,	1,920	recommended (40 wks.)
Supt. in-Town ex.,	1,000	requested,	500	recommended
Extra teachers,	22,000	requested,	11,733	recommended

Our reaction to the $400 across-the-board increase for all teachers was also expressed, although we recognized the School Committee was in a difficult position to consider revision of its announced action.

We appreciate the action of the School Committee in reviewing the $34,200 reduction suggested by the Finance Committee. Their revised requests for textbooks, transportation, Junior High lights and Guidance Secretary resulted in a $10,964 reduction. $330 of the in-Town expense was transferred to the Superintendent's salary and the extra teachers' budget was reduced as requested but in its place a contingency reserve of $10,267 for Instruction was added to the budget. We do not believe there is reasonable justification for a contingency reserve for such a purpose.

Before and during our discussions with the School Committee, we have devoted many hours of research and conference to obtain definite facts on which to base our decision as to recommended action on a flat $400 raise effective September 1, 1959. We wanted to be fair to our teachers as well as our citizens but we realize that this increase, plus the automatic increment due at the same time totals $600.

Agawam has been and should always be competitive, but a change in the minimum to $4000, if made in all communities, gives Agawam no greater preference than it had before. Because school authorities decide the area minimum should be $4000 instead of $3600 - $3700 or possibly $3700 - 3800, does not make it more competitive or more right.

The 1958 - 1959 ranges in the Springfield area for Bachelor Degree teachers are:

Town	Present	School Com. Proposal	Fin. Com. Recommendations
Agawam	$3600-$5600	$4000-$6000	$3800-$5800
E. Longmeadow	3700- 5400	4000- 6000	3800- 5900
Hampden (Elem)	3600- 5400	3800- 5600	3800- 5600
Longmeadow	3600- 5800	4000- 6200	3800- 6000
Ludlow	3600- 5600	3800- 5800	3800- 5800
W. Springfield	3700- 5600	3700- 6200	3700- 6200
Wilbraham (Elem.)	3700- 5800	4100- 6000	3800- 5900

Realizing that Springfield has increased its minimum to only $4000, that West Springfield is proposing no change from $3700 and that there is considerable pressure in Longmeadow, East Longmeadow and Wilbraham to hold to a $3800 minimum, we believe the Agawam minimum should not be increased beyond $3800 as of September 1, 1959. Naturally, if

most other communities go beyond $3800, we would expect the citizens to take another close look at the revised situation.

Some people may think we are picayune in opposing a larger raise which would only cost $10,269 in 1959, but the cost of the $400 proposal in 1960 (the first full year) would be in excess of $60,000 without considering increments amounting to an additional $30,000. In other words, the 1960 Budget — the one we will consider a year from now — would automatically increase $80,000 without additional teachers, new building expense or any other obvious needs. The difference of $120,000 between 1958 and 1959 Budget requests includes only $20,000 in 1959 salary increases. If $60,000 of salary increases are now voted, the 1960 School Budget will increase again by a minimum of $150,000 to $200,000.

We are convinced that a commitment to increase our salary account to this extent at this time is unnecessary and unwise. Therefore, our carefully considered recommendation on the School Budget is $20,563 less than requested by the School Committee.

EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY FUNDS

Balance available for town use 1/1/58		$259,655.60
1958 Transfers:		
Annual Meeting	$134,655.60	
Special Meeting	31,560.00	
		166,215.60
Available balance carried into 1959		$ 93,440.00
January 1, 1959 balance (carry over and 1958 receipts)		410,460.66
Less:		
Uncollected Taxes		92,097.83
Balance available for town use 1/1/59		$318,362.83
Recommended Special Transfers	$ 62,300.00	
Recommended Transfer (1959 Tax Rate)	131,062.83	
		193,362.83
Balance retained for Emergency and Future use		$125,000.00

1/1/58 Overlay Reserve — $32,278.68

1/1/59 Overlay Reserve — $22,667.44

	Tax Rate	Valuation	Bonded Indebtedness Amount	% of Val.
1958	$64.00	$27,287,856	$3,354,000*	12.3
1957	64.00	24,914.142	2,679,000	10.8
1956	56.00	22,914.142	2,854,000	12.4
1955	54.00	21,103,547	2,514,000	11.9
1954	51.00	19,117,245	2,659,000	13.9
1953	45.00	18,026,245	599,000	3.3
1952	45.00	16,604,831	639,000	3.8
1951	45.00	15,207,665	389,000	2.6
1950	41.00	14,089,600	419,000	3.0
1949	39.00	13,224,375	429,000	3.2
1948	37.00	11,514,325	50,000	.4

*Includes authorized $850,000.00

COMPARISON OF BUDGET RELATIONSHIP

1954-58 Appropriated and 1959 Recommended

Division expenses have been adjusted to include special articles of earlier years and services in the same division as they appear under Article 7 in the 1959 Town Warrant.

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	Prop. 1959
Gen. Government	5.4%	4.7%	4.7%	4.3%	4.1%	3.8%
Prot. Pers. & Prop.	12.0	11.2	10.7	10.3	10.8	10.7
Health	1.6	1.4	1.5	1.3	1.2	1.1
Dept. Pub. Works	20.9	19.1	17.3	16.8	17.0	15.6
Schools	43.3	41.0	45.1	47.2	49.6	49.9
Charities, Vet. Ben.	7.9	7.4	6.2	5.3	4.8	5.1
Building Dept.	.5	.6	.6	.5	.5	.5
Parks, Playgrounds	.5	.4	.4	.4	.4	.4
Libraries	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Cemeteries	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1	.1
Debt Financing	5.9	12.7	11.5	11.8	10.2	10.0
Miscellaneous	1.8	1.3	1.8	1.9	1.2	2.7
	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%	100%
School Budget and Debt Financing for Schools	49.2%	53.7%	56.6%	59.0%	59.0%	59.6%

ADJUSTED BUDGET

1954 — $1,268,162
1955 — 1,588,900
1956 — 1,752,752
1957 — 2,053,765
1958 — 2,359,438
Proposed 1959 — 2,497,507

SCHEDULE A

1959 Estimated Assessments and Overlay

County Tax — 1959 County Tax — 1958 Underestimate County Tuberculosis Hospital — 1959 State Recreation Areas — 1959 State Audit of Municipal Accounts	$ 46,500.00
Veterans' Service District	6,500.00
1959 Overlay and Deficits for Previous Years	75,000.00
	$128,000.00

SCHEDULE B

Estimated Receipts for Year 1959

School Aid (Chapters 69-71) Reimbursement of Acc't of Publicly Owned Land Income Tax Business Corporation Tax Old Age Tax (Meals)	$201,775.00
School (Funds from Income Tax not included)	61,800.00
State Assistance for School Construction, Chapter 645 Acts of 1948	83,000.00
1957 Overestimates	472.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	220,000.00
Licenses and Permits	18,000.00
Court Fines	1,400.00
General Government (Rent Included)	6,000.00
Protection of Persons and Property	400.00
Health and Sanitation	9,000.00
Charities (other than Federal Grants for Aid to Dependent Children)	19,000.00
Old Age Assistance (other than Federal Grants)	35,000.00
Veterans' Benefits	3,800.00
Libraries	150.00
Water Department	125,000.00
Interests on Taxes and Assesments	3,000.00
In Lieu of Taxes	3,200.00
Special Assessments	10,000.00
Housing Authority	1,500.00
Poll Tax	9,000.00
Miscellaneous	400.00
	$811,897.00

TAX RATE ESTIMATE

The actual 1959 rate is determined by the assessors after knowing actual appropriations, amount of excess and deficiency transfers, the so-called Cherry Sheet figures showing assessments and state refunds, and the assessed valuation. Although none of these factors are available, as we go to press, we are continuing our custom of estimating the tax rate. This attempt to make an honest estimate is for the purpose of helping townspeople weigh appropriations and not in any way to bind a future decision of the assessors.

	1959 Estimate
Budget (Article 8)	$ 2,497,507.00
Special Articles (Gross)	260,442.10
Schedule A	128,000.00
Total	$ 2,885,949.10
Less Receipts:	
Schedule B	811,897.00
	$ 2,074,052.10
Transfers*	236,854.50
Raised by Taxation	$ 1,837,197.60
Tax Rate	64.00
Valuation	$28,538,000.00

*TRANSFERS

To Reduce the Tax Rate	$ 131,062.83
E. & D. for Special Articles	62,300.00
Other Transfers	43,491.67
Total Transfers	$ 236,854.50

1958 RESERVE FUND TRANSFERS

Department of Public Works:		
Sewer and Water Constr. — Mill St.	$6,000.00	
Sewer Constr. — River Road	3,000.00	
Snow Removal	4,000.00	
Road Machinery Account	4,000.00	
Ramah Circle South	3,000.00	
Maple Ave. Water	300.00	
Clerical	174.27	$20,474.27
Welfare — General Relief		4,000.00
Deficiencies in Special Articles:		
Cooper St. Sewer	$1,000.00	
New Elementary School	500.00	
Westfield River Sewer Interceptor	500.00	
Shea's Baseball Field	75.40	
Police Cruiser	60.00	
Barry St. Bridge	25.00	2,160.40
Schools — Fuel and Light		1,095.12
Election and Registration		811.76
Town Clerk and Treasurer — Commercial Code		415.00
Veterans' Benefits		268.33
Town Buildings — Heat and Repairs		251.70
Motor Vehicle Insurance		69.51
Town Accountant		45.00
Police		21.41
School Survey Comm. — Map		17.20
Collector		8.72
Veterans' Graves		4.00
		$29,642.42
Unexpended Balance		357.58
		$30,000.00

FINANCE COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Phil. V. Hembdt, Chairman	1961
Benjamin S. Bassani, Secretary	1961
Arthur W. Johnson	1959
Hollis F. Kane	1959
Frank A. Grasso	1960
John J. Sullivan	1960

TOWN WARRANT

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden ss.

To either of the Constables of the Town of Agawam in said County:

Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts you are hereby directed to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, qualified to vote in elections to meet in their respective polling places, viz:

PRECINCT 1—Katherine G. Danahy School
2—Clifford M. Granger School
3—Agawam High School
4—Fellowship Hall of First Baptist Church
5—Benjamin J. Phelps School

On Monday, the 16th day of February, 1959, at eight o'clock A.M., then and there to bring in their ballots for the election of officials to the following offices:

A Moderator for one year.

One member of the Board of Selectmen and Board of Health for three years.

One Assessor for three years.

Two members of the School Committee for three years.

One member of the Board of Public Welfare for three years.

One member of the Planning Board for five years.

One Library Trustee for three years.

One Trustee of Whiting Street Fund for two years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for three years.

One Cemetery Commissioner for two years.

One member of the Parks, Playgrounds and Recreation Commission for three years.

One member of the Agawam Housing Authority for five years.

Ten Town Meeting Representatives for each of the five precincts for three years.

One Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 2 for one year.

One Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 4 for one year.

One Town Meeting Representative for Precinct 4 for two years.

Three Town Meeting Representatives for Precinct 5 for two years.

The polls will open at eight o'clock A.M., and close at eight o'clock P.M.

And to warn and notify the inhabitants of the Town of Agawam, qualified to vote in Town Affairs to meet in the auditorium of the High School Building on Saturday, the 7th day of March, 1959 at 10:00 o'clock A.M., then and there to act on the following articles:

Article 1. To choose two or more Fence Viewers and two or more Field Drivers.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the reports of the Town Officers.

Article 3. To see what method the Town will adopt for the support of Public Welfare for the ensuing year. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money and to transfer a sum of money from Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 4. Recommend that the sum of $10,000.00 be raised and appropriated, and that $20,000.00 be transferred from the Overlay Reserve to the Reserve Fund.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen. to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1959, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to re-

new any note or notes as may be given for a period less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elective officers of the Town as provided in Section 108 of Chapter 41, General Laws, as amended, effective from January 1, 1959. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint an executive secretary in accordance with the provisions of Section 23A of Chapter 41 of the General Laws. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 8. To make the necessary appropriations for the ensuing year.

I—GENERAL GOVERNMENT — 3.8% of Total

Item No.	1958 Appropriation	Expended		1959 Recommended
1	$ 25.	$ 25.	Moderator	$ 25.
			Selectmen:	
2	1,300.	1,300.	Salary: Chairman	1,300.
3	2,400.	2,400.	Other Members (2)	2,400.
4	3,484.	3,484.	Secretary	3,692.
5	225.	——	Out of State Travel	——
6	1,265.	1,217.	All Other	1,265.
			Town Accountant:	
7	5,148.	5,148.	Salary	5,408.
8	3,016.	3,016.	Clerk	3,172.
9	50.	33.	Out of State Travel	60.
10	772.	816.	All Other	642.
			Town Clerk & Treasurer:	
11	6,500.	6,500.	Salary	6,800.
12	4,004.	4,004.	Asst. Town Clerk & Treasurer	4,004.
13	2,716.	2,691.	Clerical	3,187.
14	1,975.	2,626.	All Other	2,595.
			Town Collector:	
15	5,250.	5,250.	Salary	5,408.
15	4,004.	4,004.	Deputy Collector	4,004.
17	2,626.	2,626.	Clerical	2,756.
18	3,440.	3,238.	All Other	3,410.
			Assessors:	
19	2,100.	2,100.	Salary: Chairman	2,100.
20	3,200.	3,200.	Other Members (2)	3,200.

Item No.	1958 Appropriation	Expended		1959 Recommended
21	4,004.	4,004.	Asst. Assessor	4,004.
22	4,328.	4,081.	Clerical	3,578.
23	1,950.	1,739.	All Other	1,700.
			Law:	
24	2,500.	2,500.	Salary: Town Counsel	2,500.
25	1,000.	1,000.	Town Prosecutor	1,000.
26	700.	——	Appraisals	700.
27	500.	26.	Damage to Persons & Property	500.
28	800.	415.	All Other	800.
			Election & Registration:	
29	750.	750.	Salaries: Registrars (3)	750.
30	2,400.	3,120.	Election Officers	1,600.
31	750.	842.	Listing of Persons	900.
32	2,200.	2,114.	All Other	1,204.
			Town Buildings:	
			Administration Building:	
33	4,004.	3,880.	Custodian	4,004.
34	2,991.	2,991.	Clerical	3,145.
35	5,075.	5,290.	Fuel, Light & Telephone	5,400.
36	3,350.	3,325.	All Other	2,198.
			Other Town Buildings:	
37	430.	440.	All Other	610.
			Miscellaneous:	
38	600.	513.	Board of Appeals	550.
39	50.	50.	Finance Committee Expense	50.
40	200.	15.	Foreclosure of Tax Titles	200.
41	500.	112.	Planning Board Expenses	400.
42	820.	817.	Surety Bonds	900.
43	2,300.	1,649.	Unclassified	1,800.
	$ 95,702.	$ 93,351.	Total General Government	$ 93,921.

II—PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY — 10.7% of Total

			Police Department:	
44	5,980.	5,980.	Salary: Chief	5,980.
45	105,500.	99,221.	Others	108,760.
46	1,500.	1,418.	Uniforms	1,650.
47	250.	249.	Safety Officer Program	250.
48	250.	244.	Enforcement of Dog Law	250.
49	5,385.	5,106.	School Traffic Officers	5,385.
50	100.	32.	Out of State Travel	100.
51	11,475.	11,429.	All Other	11,200.
			Fire Department:	
52	5,720.	5,720.	Salary: Chief	5,980.
53	88,020.	86,476.	Others	103,090.
54	1,200.	1,195.	Equipment	1,500.
55	290.	290.	Uniforms	260.

Item No.	1958 Appropriation	Expended		1959 Recommended
56	100.	97.	Out of State Travel	100.
57	7,360.	6,801.	All Other	5,426.
			Sealer of Weights & Measures:	
58	1,800.	1,800.	Salary	1,800.
59	625.	546.	All Other	730.
			Civil Defense:	
60	600.	690.	Administration	750.
61	1,600.	2,081.	All Other	1,350.
			Forestry:	
62	1,000.	1,000.	Salary: Tree Warden	1,000.
63	4,400.	4,399.	Labor	4,600.
64	2,400.	2,400.	Equipment Rentals	2,500.
65	2,000.	1,999.	Tree Planting	2,000.
66	1,300.	1,150.	Spraying	1,150.
67	1,000.	1,000.	Removal of Dutch Elm	500.
68	50.	——	All Other	150.
			Gypsy Moth Control:	
69	500.	500.	All Other	500.
	$250,405.	$241,883.	Total Protec. Persons & Prop.	$266,961.

III—HEALTH — 1.1% of Total

70	4,940.	3,478.	Salary: Health Agent	5,073.
71	12,324.	12,324.	Nurses	13,004.
72	1,188.	1,188.	Slaughter & Animal Inspectors	1,188.
73	5,500.	368.	Hospitals & Prem. Babies	5,500.
74	3,350.	3,293.	All Other	3,600.
	$ 27,302.	$ 20,651.	Total Health	$ 28,365.

IV—DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS — 15.6% of Total

			Administrative:	
75	9,464.	8,026.	Salary: Superintendent	9,464.
76	5,209.	5,383.	Clerical	5,735.
77	300.	——	Out of State Travel	150.
78	900.	455.	All Other	1,000.
79	46,400.	46,387.	Highway Maintenance	47,900.
80	25,000.	24,999.	New Construction, Reconstruction & Resurfacing	25,000.
81	1,000.	805.	Sidewalk Maintenance	3,000.
82	11,020.	10,421.	Rubbish Collection	11,020.
83	13,400.	13,300.	Garbage Collection	13,500.
84	34,800.	44,945.	Sewer & Surface Drainage	39,300.
85	55,000.	47,376.	Water — Consumption Contract	55,000.
86	12,000.	12,000.	Water — New Construction	5,000.
87	55,700.	55,710.	Water — All Other	51,100.
88	13,300.	17,257.	Road Machinery Account	14,000.
89	35,000.	38,940.	Snow Removal	30,000.
90	3,000.	1,688.	Police Salaries	1,800.

Item No.	1958 Appropriation	Expended		1959 Recommended
91	18,600.	10,702.	Engineering: Salaries	15,000.
92	1,150.	750.	Engineering: Equipment	——
93	1,850.	1,223.	Engineering: All Other	1,000.
94	58,000.	51,534.	Street Lighting	62,000.
	$401,093.	$391,901.	Total Dept. of Public Works	$390,969.

V—SCHOOLS — 49.9% of Total

			Salaries, Wages, Repairs and Oper-	
95	1,017,878.	1,000,828.	ating Expenses	$1,099,993.
96	44,550.	45,645.	Heat and Light	52,115.
97	94,950.	84,912.	Transportation	94,400.
98	600.	436.	Out of State Travel	600.
	$1,157,978.	$1,131,821.	Total Schools	$1,247,108.

VI—CHARITIES AND VETERANS BENEFITS — 5.1% of Total

			Welfare:	
			General Relief:	
99	2,200.	2,023.	Salaries	2,400.
100	600.	501.	All Other	600.
101	16,850.	20,807.	Relief	24,000.
			Disability Assistance:	
102	700.	——	Administration	900.
103	2,000.	2,070.	Relief	2,400.
			Old Age Assistance:	
104	4,200.	2,756.	Administration	4,400.
105	60,000.	54,450.	Relief	63,500.
			Aid to Dependent Children:	
106	1,800.	1,800.	Administration	2,000.
107	15,000.	13,992.	Relief	13,500.
			Veterans' Benefits:	
108	10,500.	14,337.	Relief	14,000.
	$113,850.	$112,736.	Total Charities	$127,700.

VII—BUILDING DEPARTMENT — .5% of Total

109	5,338.	5,338.	Salary	5,408.
110	875.	811.	All Other	825.
			Plumbing Inspector:	
111	2,800.	2,214.	Labor	2,800.
112	125.	49.	All Other	125.
			Electrical Inspector:	
113	1,600.	1,600.	Salary	1,800.
114	400.	393.	All Other	400.
	$ 11,138.	$ 10,405.	Total Building Inspectors	$ 11,358.

Item No.	1958 Appropriation	1958 Expended		1959 Recommended
	VIII—PARKS, PLAYGROUNDS, RECREATION — .4% of Total			
115	8,000.	7,268.	Salaries	8,370.
116	2,225.	1,641.	Equipment & All Other	1,750.
	$ 10,225.	$ 8,909.	Total Parks, Plygds. & Rec.	$ 10,120.
	IX—LIBRARIES — .1% of Total			
117	1,125.	1,125.	Salaries: Trustees (3)	1,500.
118	650.	676.	Fuel & Light	750.
119	150.	138.	All Other	225.
	$ 1,925.	$ 1,939.	Total Libraries	$ 2,475.
	X—CEMETERIES — .05% of Total			
120	800.	540.	Maintenance	700.
121	226.	230.	Veterans' Graves	230.
	$ 1,026.	$ 770.	Total Cemeteries	$ 930.
	XI—DEBT AND FINANCING — 10.% of Total			
122	175,000.	175,000.	Bond Debt — Principal	175,000.
123	58,622.	58,622.	Bond Debt — Interest	69,000.
124	5,000.	2,863.	Revenue Loan Interest	5,000.
	$238,622.	$236,485.	Total Debt Financing	$249,000.
	XII—MISCELLANEOUS — 2.75% of Total			
125	100.	100.	Aid to Agriculture	100.
126	600.	600.	Annuities	600.
127	500.	77.	Business Development Comm. Exp.	500.
128	100.	95.	Council for the Aging	100.
129	800.	12,738.	Group Insurance	23,000.
130	7,500.	6,084.	Liability Insurance	6,500.
131	550.	522.	Memorial Day	550.
132	31,222.	31,221.	Retirement Contribution	33,950.
133	3,415.	3,485.	Town Vehicle Insurance	3,300.
	$ 44,787.	$ 54,922.	Total Miscellaneous	$ 68,600.
	$2,354,053.	$2,305,773.	GRAND TOTAL	$2,497,507.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Available Funds the sum of $63,600.00 for Chapter 90 Construction, to be spent on North St., with the understanding that the Town will be reimbursed $31,800.00 by the State and $15,900.00 by the County. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 9. Recommend that the sum of $15,900.00 be raised and appropriated and $47,400.00 be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Fund for Chapter 90 Construction.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from Available Funds the sum of $12,600.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance work, $4,200.00 of which will be reimbursed to the Town by the State and $4,200 of which will be reimbursed to the Town by the County. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 10. Recommend that the sum of $4,200.00 be raised and appropriated and $8,400.00 be transferred from Excess and Deficiency Fund for Chapter 90 Maintenance work.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money toward the purchase of one new cruiser for the use of the Police Department, and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in one cruiser to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 11. Recommend that the sum of $1,600.00 be raised and appropriated toward the purchase of one new cruiser for the use of the Police Department and to authorize the Police Commissioners to trade in one cruiser to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the payment of bills for previous years not previously submitted. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 12. Recommend that the sum of $895.10 be raised and appropriated for the payment of bills for previous years.

Article 13. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be given to the Safety Council of Western Massachusetts, to be used in School Safety Program. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 13. Recommend that the sum of $197.00 be raised and appropriated, said sum to be given to the Safety

Council of Western Mass. to be used in the school safety program.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to sell by public auction or private sale a "Todd Protectograph Machine" no longer required for check writing purposes. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a 4-wheel Drive Loader, 1¼ yard struck capacity, for the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in a 1955 International Loader to make up the balance of the purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 15. Recommend that $12,725.61 be raised and appropriated, and that $274.39 be transferred from the Road Machinery Account for the purchase of a 4-wheel Drive Loader, 1¼ yard struck capacity, for the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in a 1955 International Loader to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a three ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in a 1950 Federal dump truck to make up the balance of the Purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 16. Recommend that $5,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the purchase of a three ton truck, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in a 1950 Federal Truck to make up the balance of the purchase price.

Article 17. To see of the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a three ton dump truck for the Department of Public Works, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to trade in a 1955 Ford dump truck to make up the balance of the Purchase price. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 17. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purchase of a Sander for the

Department of Public Works. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 18. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapin St., as laid out by the Board of Selectmen, as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to accept Henry St., as laid out by the Board of Selectmen as a public street. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 20. Appropriations related to this street are requested in Articles 41 and 42.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate $13,000.00 to cover the cost of additional rip-rapping on the bank of the Westfield River, near the Agawam Bridge, with the understanding that the Town will be reimbursed one-half the cost, or $6,500.00 by the State, under Chapter 91. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 21. Recommend that $13,000.00 be raised and appropriated to cover the cost of additional rip-rapping on the bank of the Westfield River, near the Agawam Bridge, with the understanding that the Town will be reimbursed one-half the cost, or $6,500.00 by the State, under Chapter 91.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money, and to transfer unused balances for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer and Lift Station on Moore and Valley Sts., for a distance of approximately 1800 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 22. Recommend that $31,000.00 be transferred from the Westfield River Interceptor Sewer Account for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer and Lift Station on Moore and Valley Streets, for a distance of approximately 1800 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 23. Te see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer, Storm Drain and surface on Maynard St. for a distance

of approximately 1800 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 23. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to cover the cost of making the necessary cross-overs on River Road for Future Sewer connections to the Connecticut River Interceptor, before the State Department of Public Works starts re-surfacing River Road, northerly from Warren St. to the South End Bridge. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 24. Recommend that $12,000.00 be raised and appropriated to cover the cost of making the necessary cross-overs on River Road for future Sewer connections to the Connecticut River Interceptor, before the State Department of Public Works starts re-surfacing River Road, northerly from Warren Street to the South End Bridge.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to relocate and lower the grade of So. Westfield St. at the intersection of Pine St. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 25. Recommend that $3,000.00 be raised and appropriated to relocate and lower the grade of So. Westfield Street at the intersection of Pine Street.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a 6" water main on James St., southerly to Maynard St. for a distance of approximately 1200 feet. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 26. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain and surfacing on Bessbrook St. Said Sanitary Sewer and Storm Drain to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 27. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a sum of money for an extension of the Sanitary Sewer on Meadow St., for a distance of approximately 2,000 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 28. Recommend that $20,000.00 be raised and appropriated for an extension of the Sanitary Sewer on Meadow Street, for a distance of approximately 2,000 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Editha Ave., a distance of approximately 500 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 29. Recommend that $3,500.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Editha Avenue, a distance of approximately 500 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 30. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the extension of the existing Sanitary Sewer on Silver St., in a southerly direction for a distance of approximately 1350 feet. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 30. Recommend that $2,332.72 be raised and appropriated and to transfer unused balances as follows:

Homer Street Storm Drain	$ 2,419.29
South Street Sanitary Sewer — 1957	11.55
Springfield Street Sewer	1,397.86
King Avenue Sanitary Sewer	3,189.86
Cooper Street Sanitary Sewer	6.68
Broz Terrace Sanitary Sewer	1,474.67
Suffield Street Sidewalk	15.05
North Street Reconstruction — 1956	280.21
Cooper St. Sidewalk	3,095.43
Shea's Field Softball Field	260.50
Water Pipe — Ramah Circle South	66.18
	$12,667.28

Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a sum of money for the regrading of Poplar St., so that surface drainage will enter the present catch basins; the construction of a Sanitary Sewer and resurfacing of Poplar St. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 31. Recommend that $8,850.00 be raised and appropriated for road construction and Sanitary Sewer on Poplar Street from Springfield St. to Mill Street. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Silver Lake Drive. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 32. Recommend that $12,000.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Silver Lake Drive. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 33. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the extension of the Sanitary Sewer on Springfield St., from the end of the existing sewer at Trevallion's property, in a westerly direction for approximately 170 feet, with the understanding that one-half of the cost of the installation will be paid by N. Jasmin. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 33. Recommend that $700.00 be raised and appropriated for the extension of the Sanitary Sewer on Springfield Street, from the end of the existing sewer at Trevallion's property, in a westerly direction for approximately 170 feet with the understanding that one-half (½) of the cost of the installation will be paid by N. Jasmin.

Article 34. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Colonial Ave. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 34. Recommend that $1,400.00 be raised and appropriated for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Colonial Avenue. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act.

Article 35. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the construction of a Sanitary Sewer on Shoemaker Lane for a distance of approximately 2500 feet from Suffield St. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 35. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 36. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for an extension of an 8" water main on Corey St. Ext., for approximately 500 feet from Alhambra Circle South, with the understanding that the abuttors will pay one-half the cost. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 36. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the re-location and resurfacing of Colemore St. for a distance of approximately 1000 feet from North St. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 37. Recommend that $5,800.00 be raised and appropriated for the re-location and re-surfacing of Colemore Street for a distance of approximately 1000 feet from North Street.

Article 38. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the installation of 8" water main on Shoemaker Lane from the Crestview Country Club to Suffield St., a distance of approximately 3000 feet. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 38. Recommend that $14,800.00 be raised and appropriated for the installation of an 8" water main on Shoemaker Lane from the Crestview Country Club to Suffield Street, a distance of approximately 3000 feet.

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to replace a 1" water line with a 6" water line on Riverview Ave., for a distance of approximately 400 feet. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 39. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to raise and ap-

propriate a sum of money to replace a 1" water line with a 6" water line on Seymour St., from Liberty Ave., a distance of approximately 200 feet. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 40. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for a 6" water main on Henry St. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 41. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 42. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to construct a Sanitary Sewer on Henry St. Said Sanitary Sewer to be done under the Betterment Act. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 42. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 43. To hear and act on the report of the By-Law Revision Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 44. To hear and act on the report of the Committee for studying the feasibility of a Traffic Commission. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 45. To hear and act on the report of the Zoning By-Law Revision Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 10B of the Personnel By-Law as amended March 1, 1958 under Article 41, by amending the fifth (5) sentence to read:

"Three weeks vacation shall be given an employee after ten (10) years' service."

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 46. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 47. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8 of the Personnel By-Law as adopted Dec. 10, 1956, as amended, by striking out the present sections of the Police and Fire Classes and inserting in place thereof the following sections to be effective as of January 1, 1959:

Police and Fire Classes:

Grade PF 1	$70.00; $75.00; $80.00; $85.00; $90.00	
	Patrolmen	
	Firemen	
Grade PF 2	$90.00; $95.00; $100.00	
	Police Sergeants	
	Fire Lieutenants	
Grade PF 3	$110.00; $115.00; $120.00	
	Police Chief	
	Fire Chief	

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 47. If this article is adopted it will increase the Police and Fire Budgets a total of $12,610.00.

Article 48. To see if the Town will vote to amend Section 8 of the Personnel By-Law as adopted Dec. 10, 1956, as amended, by striking out the present sections of the Wage Classes and inserting in place thereof the following sections, to be effective as of January 1, 1959:

Wage Classes:

Grade W 1	$1.66; $1.72; $1.78; $1.84	
	Laborer	
Grade W 2	$1.81; $1.88; $1.95; $2.02	
	Public Works Maintenance Man I	
Grade W 3	$2.00; $2.07; $2.14; $2.22	
	Public Works Maintenance Man II	
	Meter Repair Man	
Grade W 4	$2.14; $2.22; $2.30; $2.38	
	Public Works Maintenance Man III	
	Equipment Mechanic	
Grade W 5	$2.30; $2.38; $2.47; $2.56	
	Public Works Foreman	

Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 48. If this article is adopted it will increase the Department of Public Works Budget $11,232.00, plus additional overtime costs.

Article 49. To hear and act on the report of the School Building Survey Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 50. To hear and act on the report of the new Elementary School Building Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 51. To hear and act on the report of the Business and Industrial Commission. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 52. To hear and act on the report of the Recreation Survey Committee. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 53. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $1,495.00 as its one-half share of the cost and installation of five mobile, two-way radios, for two Fire Department and three Department of Public Works Vehicles. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 53. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 54. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for reimbursement to Joseph T. and Anna Green, of one-half the cost of the installation of a waterline installed by them on North St. in 1951. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 54. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 55. To see if the Town will vote to change the zone on the petition of Mohawk Realty Co., from Industrial to Business B on the following described property:

Certain real estate situated at the northwesterly corner of Suffield Street and Shoemaker Lane in Agawam, Hampden County, Massachusetts, and bounded and described as follows:

Bounded NORTHERLY by land now or formerly of Solomon Abell; EASTERLY by said Suffield Street; SOUTHERLY by said Shoemaker Lane and WESTERLY by land formerly of Edward S. Wright. Containing 60 acres of land more or less.

Excepting from the above described premises so much thereof as has been conveyed by below mentioned deeds duly recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds as follows: Deed of Giuseppe Cecchi, et ux, to Fred J. Profiglio, et ux, dated April 27, 1931 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 1482, Page 280; Deed of Erminio A. Cecchi, et als, to Antonio L. Farina, dated May 10, 1944 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 1779, Page 576; Deed of Peter Cecchi, et ux, to Joseph Woishnis, et ux, dated May 23, 1950 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2049, Page 42; and two deeds from Peter Cecchi, et ux, to Bernard M. Klimaj, et ux, one dated November 8, 1950 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2099, Page 198, and the other dated

November 20, 1953 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2279, Page 414.

Excepting also the following described parcel of land bounded and described as follows: Beginning at an iron bar marking the point of intersection of the Westerly side of Suffield Street and the Northerly side of Shoemaker Lane and thence running N. 86° 38' W. along Shoemaker Lane three hundred twelve and 37/100 (312.37) feet to an iron pin; thence turning, and running N. 20° 27' 30" E. six hundred and fifty-one and 66/100 (651.66) feet to an iron pin; thence turning and running S. 75° 08' 30" E. three hundred (300) feet to an iron pin in the Westerly side of Suffield Street; and thence turning and running S. 20° 27' 30" W. along Suffield Street five hundred eighty-nine and 13/100 (589.13) feet to the iron bar at the point of beginning.

Reserving to the grantors herein, their heirs and assigns, the right to use for all purposes of a public street in common with the grantees herein, their heirs and assigns, strip of land bounded and described as follows:

Southerly by the northerly line of the last described parcel excepted from this conveyance three hundred (300) feet; Westerly by the Westerly line of the last described parcel excepted from this conveyance extended northerly in the same course; Northerly by the southerly line of the premises conveyed to Joseph Woishnis, et ux, by deed of Peter Cecchi et ux, dated May 23, 1950 and recorded as aforesaid in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2049, Page 42, two hundred (200) feet and by said southerly line of said premises extended westerly in the same course, one hundred (100) feet and Easterly by Suffield Street.

Subject to Water pipe rights granted to one Burt by instrument dated May 10, 1909 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 761, Page 97.

Subject also to easement rights granted Northeastern Gas Transmission Company by instrument dated March 22, 1951 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2105, Page 435.

For grantors' title see deed of Giuseppe Cecchi, et ux, to Erminio A. Cecchi, et ux, and Peter Cecchi, et ux, dated March 16, 1944 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 1777, Page 330, and deed of Erminio A. Cecchi, et ux, to Peter Cecchi, et ux, dated January 9, 1946 and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 1814, Page 146. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 56. To see if the Town will vote to change the zone on the petition of Robert B. Bergdahl on River Road from

Business A to Business B on the following described property:

The land in said Agawam, with the buildings thereon, consisting of three (3) parcels, bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point marked by a drill hole and located in the northwesterly line of said River Road, said point being distant southwesterly three hundred fifty-nine and 82/100 (359.82) feet from a stone highway bound marking a slight angle in said River Road, and being the first angle in said road located northeasterly of the intersection of said River Road with Main Street (said point also being located at the northeasterly corner of land conveyed by LeRoy H. French, et als, to Louis J. Picard, Sr., et ux, by deed dated January 22, 1952 and recorded in Hampden County Registry of Deeds in Book 2156 Page 542) and running thence North 43.30' west along said Picard land one hundred twelve (112) feet to an iron pin located at the northeasterly corner of land now or formerly of LeRoy H. French, et als, and also located at the northwesterly corner of said land now or formerly of said Picard, Sr., et ux, as aforesaid; thence North 69.13' West along said land now or formerly of said LeRoy H. French, et als, one hundred seventy and 95/100 (170.95) feet to an iron pin located in the easterly line of said Main Street, thence North 5.17' East along said Main Street sixty-five (65) feet to an iron pin located at the southwesterly corner of land formerly of Fish Carburetor Corp.. and now or lately of one John W. Magovern; thence South 81.5' East two hundred fourteen and 52/100 (214.52) feet to an iron pin, located in the northwesterly line of land now or formerly of Marcel J. L'Esperance, et ux, thence South 52.44' west, along last named land, thirty-seven and 42/100 (37.42) feet to an iron pin located along said land now or formerly of L'Esperance, et ux, one hundred eight and 87/100 (108.87) feet to an iron pin; thence South 37.15' East again along land now or formerly of said L'Esperance, et ux, forty-three and 37/100 (43.37) feet to an iron pin located in said northwesterly line of River Road distant two hundred eighty-three (283) feet southwesterly from the stone highway bound above mentioned; thence South 52.45' west along the northwesterly line of River Road seventy-six and 82/100 (76.82) feet to the point of beginning.

Together with sewer rights as set forth in a deed from LeRoy H. French, et als, to me dated January 22, 1952, and recorded in said Registry of Deeds in Book 2156, Page 544. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 57. To see if the Town will vote to change the zone on Main Street from Agricultural to Business A the following described land:

The land in Agawam on the westerly side of Main Street is bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point at the intersection of the present "Business A" zone line and the northerly line of the Agawam Cemetery Association land described as bearing S 84° 12' 30" W, said point being about two hundred twenty feet (220) feet westerly of the westerly line of Main Street, thence S 84° 12' 30" W along said Agawam Cemetery Association land about sixty-four (64) feet; thence N 3° 35' 30" E along said Agawam Cemetery Association land forty (40) feet; thence N 18° 17' 30" E along land of the First Baptist Church of Agawam, Mass., three hundred thirty 42/100 (330.42) feet; thence N 73° 40' E along land of said First Baptist Church of Agawam, Mass., about eighty (80) feet; thence S 18° 17' 30" W along present "Business A" zone line to place of beginning. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 58. To see if the Town will vote to change the zone on Main Street, owned by the Ramah Realty Co., Inc. from Residence A-2 to Residence B, the following described property:

Beginning at an iron pipe in the westerly line of Main Street, distant southerly 226.70 feet from an angle stone bound just southerly of Reed Street; thence along the westerly line of Main Street, S. 30° 58' 53" E. a distance of 190.44 feet; thence continuing along the westerly line of Main Street, S. 39° 11' 59" E. a distance of 4.43 feet; thence continuing along the westerly line of Main Street, S. 26° 34' 02" E. a distance of 34.16 feet to an iron pipe at land now or formerly of E. L. Stork; thence along land now or formerly of E. L. Stork, S. 50° 19' 58" W. a distance of 151.39 feet to a stone bound at land now or formerly of Elizabeth Madden; thence along land now or formerly of Elizabeth Madden, S. 48° 03' 28" W. a distance of 83.05 feet; thence along other land of Ramah Realty Co., Inc., N. 45° 22' 02" W. a distance of 224.68 feet to an iron pipe; thence N. 49° 09' 20" E. a distance of 293.24 feet to the point of beginning.

Subject to a Sewer Easement to the Town of Agawam along the southerly side of the above described parcel. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 59. To see if the Town will vote to accept Chapter 332 of the Acts of 1958, which is an act extending the application of certain provisions of law relative to the supervision of plumbing. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 60. To see if the Town will approve the construc-

tion of a new housing project by the Agawam Housing Authority, namely a Housing Project for Elderly Persons pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 667 of Massachusetts, Acts of 1954, and acts in amendment thereof and in addition thereto, to be known as State-aided Housing Project 667-1. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 60. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 61. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the School Committee to be elected from six (6) members to seven (7) members. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 62. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Law creating the Board of Park and Playground Comissioners established by Article 51 of the Annual Town Meeting of 1947 by increasing the number of members to be elected from three (3) members to six (6) members. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 63. To see if the Town will vote to increase the number of members of the Finance Committee to be appointed from six (6) members to nine (9) members. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 63. Quantity does not always provide quality.

Article 64. To see if the Town will vote to amend the By-Law creating the Personnel Board established by Article 9 of the Town Meeting of June 2, 1952, by increasing the number of members to be appointed from three (3) members to six (6) members. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 65. To hear and act upon a report of the committee appointed to survey the needs of a new headquarters building, housing the police department, the fire department and the civil defense agency. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 66. To see if the Town of Agawam will vote to raise and appropriate by borrowing or otherwise a sum of money to construct and to originally equip a building to house the police department, fire department and civil defense agency; and to authorize the moderator to appoint a building committee to enter into contracts for and to take all other nec-

essary action to construct, to equip and to furnish said building. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 66. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 67. To see if the Town of Agawam will take by eminent domain, under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, purchase or otherwise acquire a certain parcel of land for erecting a building to house the Police Department, Fire Department and Civil Defense Agency bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Kensington Avenue on the Southerly side of Springfield Street. Thence running North 54° 56" East along the southerly side of Springfield Street for a distance of 150 feet to a point on the easterly side on a street known as Amherst Avenue. Said point being the point of beginning.

Thence turning an interior angle of 88° 54' running along the easterly side of Amherst Avenue for a distance of 100' to a point on the northerly side of land now or formerly of one Hegeman.

Thence turning an interior angle of 88° 54' and running along the northerly line of land of one Hegeman for a distance of 100' to a point on the westerly side of land now or formerly of said Town of Agawam. Thence turning an interior angle of 91° 06' and running in a northerly direction along the westerly line of land of said Town of Agawam for a distance of 100' to a point on the southerly side of Springfield Street. Thence turning an interior angle of 88° 54' from the westerly line of land of said Town of Agawam and running along the southerly side of Springfield Street for a distance of 100' to the point of beginning. Above described parcel of land known as Lots #3 and #4 on a plan filed and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds, filed August 15, 1946, Book of Plans 24, Page 75. Said parcel of land belonging to John N. and Barbara M. Shibley; and to appropriate thereto a sum of money as land damages. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 67. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 68. To see if the Town of Agawam will take by eminent domain, under Chapter 79 of the General Laws, purchase or otherwise acquire a certain parcel of land for erecting a building to house the Police Department, the Fire Department and Civil Defense Agency bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point on the easterly side of Kensington Avenue on the southerly side of Springfield Street, thence running North 54° 56" East along the southerly side of Springfield

Street for a distance of 150' (150 feet) to a point on the easterly side of a street known as Amherst Avenue. Thence turning an interior angle of 88° 54' and running along the easterly side of Amherst Avenue for a distance of 100' to a point on the northerly line of land now or formerly of one Hegeman. Said point being the point of beginning. Thence turning an interior angle of 91° 06' and running along the northerly line of land of one Hegeman for a distance of 100' to a point on the westerly side of land now or formerly of said Town of Agawam. Thence turning an interior angle of 88° 54' and running in a southerly direction along the westerly line of land of said Town of Agawam for a distance of 150' to a point on the northerly line of land of Hegeman. Thence after turning an interior angle of 91° 06' from the westerly line of said Town of Agawam and running along the line of land of Hegeman for a distance of 100' to a point on the easterly side of Amherst Avenue. Thence turning and running an interior angle of 88° 54' to the left, and running along the easterly line of Amherst Avenue for a distance of 150' to the point of beginning. Above described parcel of land known as Lots #6, #8 and #10 on a plan filed and recorded in the Hampden County Registry of Deeds filed August 15, 1946, Book of Plans 24, Page 75. Said parcel of land belonging to Charles W. Hegeman; and to appropriate thereto a sum of money as land damages. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 68. Recommend this article be rejected.

Article 69. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to appoint a committee of five to study the needs of a new Town Dump. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 70. To see of the Town will vote to amend its By-Laws by adopting the following:

Every person operating a Motor Vehicle which is in anv manner involved in an accident in which any person is killed or injured therein, or in which property of the Commonwealth, the County or the Town there is property damage in excess of $200.00 to any one vehicle or other property, shall forthwith report, in writing, to the Chief of Police. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 71. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use a sum not exceeding $131,062.83 from Available Funds for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation

during the current year. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 71. Recommend that the Assessors be authorized to use the sum of $131,062.83 for the reduction of the amount to be raised by taxation during the current year.

Article 72. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed to make a study of the long range requirements for buildings and land for over-all needs of the Town of Agawam. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 73. To see if the Town will vote to accept the following By-law with reference to Town Meeting Members:

At all Town Meetings the members be segregated into five distinct, separate sections, with identifying signs representing Precincts I, II, III, IV and V. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 74. To see if the Town will vote to abolish piggeries in the Town of Agawam; the effective date being two years from the date of this Town Meeting. Pass any vote or take any action relative thereto.

Article 75. To transact any other business that may legally come before this meeting.

And you are hereby directed to serve this warrant by posting attested copies thereof, one in each of the said Post Offices of said Town and one in the Riverview Market in North Agawam, fourteen days at least before the day of said meeting.

Hereof fail not and make due return of this warrant with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk before the time of said meeting.

Given under our hands this 26th day of January, 1959.

IRVING R. LAFLEUR
WALTER T. KERR
JAMES P. KANE
BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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